



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects  
1-888-DASH-1-DOT  
(1-888-327-4236)  
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City HAUGHTON

State LA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO  
In the absence of a signature, DOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner Date 5/28/03

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Make  
DODGE

Model  
DANOTA

Model Year  
2001

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

Fuel Type:

No. Cylinders

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

8

Gasoline

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

4.7 V8

Vehicle Component Code

192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL

Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

Tires cracking at the head area - Two sets of tires doing the same thing within the same mileage range!

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

GOODYEAR

WRANGLER ST

P215/75R15

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

☒ Original Equipment

Failure Location:

FILL IN

☒ Prior Repair

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL

Bead Cracks

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure;

ie, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

THE TIRE CONTAINED A SLIT ON THE SIDEWALL. DEALER NOTIFIED. \*JB

The tires were not slit. They cracked!  
A slit would indicate a cut, and it was not a cut. These tires cracked under normal operation and conditions.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority granted in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your responses may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your responses, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

I noticed bead cracks in all four tires shortly after purchase at the Dakota Dakota Truck. Goodyear adjusted the tires at no cost stating that it was a defect and unsafe. The new set of tires did the exact same thing within the same amount of miles driven. This time, however, I was told that the tires would be pro-rated and I would be charged \$333.00 and would have to have the same tires, for the third time, installed on the truck. The tires are Goodyear Wrangler and upon my own investigation there have been a lot of these tires cracking. I have never had tires just crack at the bead and certainly never had this happen twice! I truly believe the safety of the public is in jeopardy as Goodyear will not own up to this and maintains that it is not a bad batch of tires. For \$360 I replace the tires with another brand of equal quality. This also shows that I was not given much credit on tires that had less than 10,000 miles on them.

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